

HOUSE**AMENDMENT NO. ____****Offered by****of**

1 AMEND House Bill No. 448, Page 1, In the Title, Line 2, by
 2 deleting all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the
 3 following:

4 "To repeal sections 346.050 and 346.055, RSMo, and to enact
 5 in lieu thereof two new"; and

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 7 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Lines 1 and 2,
 8 by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the
 9 following:

10 "Section A. Sections 346.050 and 346.055, RSMo, are
 11 repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
 12 known as sections 346.050 and 346.055, to read"; and

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 14 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section 346.050, Lines 1 to
 15 24, by deleting all of said section; and

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 17 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 346.055, Line 3, by
 18 deleting all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the
 19 following:

20 "(1) Is at least [twenty-one] eighteen years of age;"; and

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 22 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 346.055, Lines 5 to
 23 41, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof
 24 the following:

25 "(3) [Until December 31, 2008, has an education equivalent
 26 to at least a high school diploma from an accredited high school.

27 2. Beginning January 1, 2009, an applicant for a hearing
 28 instrument specialist license or a hearing instrument
 29 specialist-in-training permit shall demonstrate successful

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1 completion of a minimum of sixty semester hours, or its
2 equivalent, at a state or regionally accredited institution of
3 higher education.

4 3. Beginning January 1, 2011, an applicant for a hearing
5 instrument specialist license or a hearing instrument
6 specialist-in-training permit shall hold an associate's level
7 degree or higher from a state or regionally accredited
8 institution of higher education.

9 4. Beginning January 1, 2013, or any date thereafter when
10 an associate degree program in hearing instrument sciences is
11 available from a state or regionally accredited institution
12 within Missouri, an applicant for a hearing instrument specialist
13 license or a hearing instrument specialist-in-training permit
14 shall hold:

15 (1) An associate's degree or higher in hearing instrument
16 sciences; or

17 (2) A master's or doctoral degree in audiology from a state
18 or regionally accredited institution.] (a) Holds an associate's
19 degree or higher from a state or regionally accredited
20 institution of higher education in hearing instrument sciences;
21 or

22 (b) Holds an associate's level degree or higher from a
23 state or regionally accredited institution of higher education,
24 and submits proof of completion of the International Hearing
25 Society's Distance Learning for Professionals in Hearing Health
26 Sciences course, and submits proof of completion of the Hearing
27 Instrument Specialists in Training program as established by the
28 Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists; or

29 (c) Holds a master's or doctoral degree in audiology from a
30 state or regionally accredited institution; or

31 (d) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from
32 another jurisdiction if the standards for licensing in such other
33 jurisdiction, as determined by the board, are substantially
34 equivalent to or exceed those required in paragraph (a) or (b) of
35 this subdivision; or

36 (e) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from
37 another jurisdiction, has been actively practicing as a licensed

1 hearing aid fitter/dispenser in another jurisdiction for no fewer
2 than forty-eight of the last seventy-two months, and submits
3 proof of completion of advance certification from either the
4 International Hearing Society or the National Board for
5 Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences.

6 [5.] 2. The provisions of [subsections 2, 3, and 4]
7 subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to any person
8 holding a valid Missouri hearing"; and
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10 Further amend said bill, Page 3, Section 346.085, Lines 1 to
11 13, by deleting all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof
12 the following:

13 "3. (1) The board shall promulgate reasonable standards
14 and rules for the evaluation of applicants for purposes of
15 determining the course of instruction and training required of
16 each applicant for a hearing instrument specialist license under
17 the alternative to the associate degree education requirement of
18 subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section.

19 (2) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
20 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated
21 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
22 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
23 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
24 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
25 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the
26 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
27 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
28 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013,
29 shall be invalid and void.
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31 [346.050. Whenever the board determines that
32 another state or jurisdiction has requirements
33 equivalent to or higher than those in effect pursuant
34 to sections 346.010 to 346.250 and that such state or
35 jurisdiction has a program equivalent to or stricter
36 than the program for determining whether an applicant,
37 pursuant to sections 346.010 to 346.250 is qualified to
38 engage in the practice of fitting hearing instruments,
39 the board shall issue a license to applicants who hold

1 current, unsuspended and unrevoked certificates or
2 licenses to fit hearing instruments in such other state
3 or jurisdiction provided that such jurisdiction extends
4 like privileges for reciprocal licensing or
5 certification to persons licensed by this state with
6 similar qualifications. No such applicant for
7 licensure shall be required to submit to or undergo a
8 qualifying examination other than the payment of fees
9 pursuant to sections 346.045 and 346.095. Such
10 applicant shall be registered in the same manner as
11 licensees in this state. The fee for an initial
12 license issued pursuant to this section shall be the
13 same as the fee for an initial license issued pursuant
14 to section 346.045. Fees, grounds for renewal, and
15 procedures for the suspension and revocation of
16 licenses granted pursuant to this section shall be the
17 same as for renewal, suspension and revocation of an
18 initial license issued pursuant to section 346.045.];
19 and
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21 Further amend said title, enacting clause and intersectional
22 references accordingly.